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1. DURING CONVERSATION DECEMBER 26 WITH FONOFF CHIEF OF CABINET CUNHA REGO, DCM SAID EMBASSY HAD HEARD RUMOR THAT GOP MIGHT BE CONSIDERING RECOGNITION OF DRV AND PRG. REGO PUNNED THAT SUCH REPORT WAS, TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, NOTHING BUT A "LISBOATO" (COMBINING PORTUGUESE WORDS FOR LISBON (LISBOA) AND RUMOR (BOATO)). NO SUCH REPORT HAD COME TO HIS ATTENTION. HE THEN CHECKED WITH OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT AREA WHO CONFIRMED THAT NEITHER DRV NOR "MUCH LESS" PRG WERE AMONG ENTITIES WHOSE RECOGNITION BY GOP IS UNDER CONSIDERATION IN FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. REGO GUESSED THAT RUMOR EITHER MADE FROM WHOLE CLOTH OR DERIVED FROM CONCEIVABLE MENTION OF POSSIBILITY BY SOMEBODY IN GOP. HOWEVER, ALL RECOGNITION QUESTIONS MUST BE DEALT WITH BY FOREIGN MINISTRY. WHILE IT CONCEIVABLE THAT FONMIN SOARES AND/OR SECSTATE CAMPINOS MIGHT HAVE SUCH MOVES IN MIND, HE DOUBTED IT. HE WOULD, HOWEVER, CHECK WITH THEM ON THEIR RETURNS FROM CURRENT TRAVELS ON, RESPECTIVELY, JANUARY 8 AND JANUARY 2. SCOTT

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